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Invitation to participate in review of EPA 's Pathfinder Innovation Projects

Peter Preuss to: tburke

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Cc: kuhn.kevin

Please respond to kuhn .kevin, dubik.brad

Dear Tom,

I am writing to ask for your help in our efforts to inspire innovation at the U . S. Environmental Protection Agency by serving as a reviewer for our second year of Pathfinder Innovation Projects . I really appreciated your contributions last year . It would be great if you could find the time to participate again .

The Pathfinder Innovation Projects are internal awards meant to stimulate innovative research by soliciting proposals for projects that "leapfrog" over current approaches to environmental problems . The Pathfinder program encourages innovation and creativity among scientists in EPA 's Office of Research and Development . The awards will provide seed funding for high risk , high potential return projects within our research portfolio and encourage fresh thinking about environmental research and sustainability .

The Pathfinder award process consists of two stages , a pre-proposal and full proposal round . We completed the pre-proposal review in December , from which 18 applicants were selected to submit full proposals . I invite you to participate in a small panel of experts from academia and the private and non-profit sectors to assess the scientific merit and transformative potential of these 18 proposals . A one day panel meeting will be scheduled in Washington DC during the third week of March (target dates are March 20 or 21) .

I hope you will seriously consider assisting us in this exciting new endeavor to encourage innovation and sustainability at EPA . We will provide travel reimbursement and a modest honorarium for service on the panel . We are dealing with a small number of proposals , and the panel will be of sufficient size to ensure a manageable workload for each reviewer . I have attached the program announcement and a summary of Pathfinder Innovation Projects selected from the competition last year .

Please let me know about your interest and availability on the proposed dates as soon as possible . Members of my staff, Kevin Kuhn and Brad Dubik (kuhn.kevin@epa.gov or dubik.brad@epa.gov), can provide any additional information you might need .

Thank you,

Peter

Request for Applications -- Pre-proposal (contains background about the competition)



Pathfinder Innovation Project Competition _PIP2_ RFA.pdf

Description of Projects awarded last year



Summary of EPA Pathfinder Innovation Projects (Jan 2011).pdf

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Preuss, Peter

From: Preuss, Peter
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:45 AM
To: Thomas A. Burke
Subject: Invitation

Tom,

I have heard rumors that you may be in the neighborhood today. Any chance of getting together? We could meet in my office or some nearby restaurant.

Peter

Preuss, Peter

From: Burke, Thomas [tburke@jhsph.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 6:55 PM
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Just so you have my contact info.

Tom

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